

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2006-122-S

UNITED UTILITY COMPANIES, INC. – APPLICATION TO RELINQUISH CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ITS AUTHORIZED SEWER SERVICE AREA IN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-210 (1976), 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-501 and 103-504 (Supp. 2005) and in accordance with 26 S. C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-836 (1976), United Utility Companies, Inc. (“Petitioner”) has filed a Petition with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for permission to relinquish certain portions of its authorized sewer service area in Oconee County, South Carolina.

According to the Petition, on October 8, 2001, Petitioner filed with the Commission an application in Docket No. 2001-432-S to expand its service area to include four tracts of land totaling 47.21± acres located adjacent to Lake Keowee in an unincorporated area of Oconee County (“Property”). The Commission, in Order No. 2001-1106, approved the requested expansion of the service area.

The Petition reveals that the Petitioner is not currently operating, and has never operated, a public utility serving customers situated on the Property. No permits to construct or operate the necessary wastewater facilities including wastewater drain fields, collection facilities, necessary easements or rights of way, and other assets required for Petitioner to provide wastewater utility services to the Property (“the Facilities”) have ever been issued in Petitioner’s name and neither the Facilities, nor any associated real property or easements have been conveyed to the Petitioner. Petitioner has never provided utility service to customers on the Property for compensation. The Petitioner alleges that it is in the public interest that it be permitted to formally relinquish this territory and that the Commission’s records and files be modified to reflect same. Residents of the Property will continue to receive service as members of the Towne Homes on Keowee Homeowners’ Association in accordance with the exemption issued by the Commission in Order No. 2003-666. According to the application, there will be no detrimental impact to the using and consuming public if the petition is granted.

A copy of the Company’s Application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, 101 Executive Center Drive, Synergy Business Park, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, the Commission’s website at www.psc.sc.gov, and is available from Benjamin P. Mustian, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A., Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Petition. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at a hearing concerning these matters should notify, in writing, the Docketing Department at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and Benjamin P. Mustian, Esquire at the above address, on or before **June 8, 2006**, and indicate the amount of time required for the presentation. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2006-122-S.***

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a Party of Record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before **June 8, 2006**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2006-122-S.***

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing date, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing, at the address below on or before **June 8, 2006**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2006-122-S.***

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission’s Procedures should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5100.

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